

We concur with the proposal to allow voice mail systems to be E-rate eligible. We find voice mail systems to be a powerful communications tool for teachers, administrators and parents. We are currently installing voice mail in our high schools and E-rate funding would allow us to move this to at least some of the lower grades in the schools that need it most. We also feel that schools should not be allowed to replace their equipment every year. This is a disservice to the other schools to allow the same schools to get funding every year.